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David's Law Headed To The Governor's Desk

Austin, Texas - Senate Bill 179, also known as David's Law, is on its way to the Governor's desk after receiving an overwhelming majority of votes in the House of Representatives and an unanimous vote in the Texas Senate. David's Law is a bill designed to combat and prevent cyberbullying. It was named after David Molak who tragically took his own life after relentless, inescapable and vile cyberbullying. Senator Menéndez committed to passing David's Law on January 19th, 2016. Today he delivered on that promise - protecting millions of Texas schoolchildren.

The following quote is attributed to Senator José Menéndez:

"Today Senators from both parties, from every walk of life, and from every corner of the state spoke with one voice in unanimous support of David's Law. We owe the passage of Senate Bill 179 to the families who ensured the death of their child would result in a change of bullying policies across the state. They bared their tragedy to the legislature and urged us to act. Today, we did. David's Law will empower schools, parents, and law enforcement to tackle cyberbullying. However, I hope it does more than that. I hope it signals a change in our culture - a reprioritization of our values. The Texas Legislature took a strong stance against bullying. I know the ripple effects will save a child's life."

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